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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action, made final, mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 9, 2006, please find enclosed a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the requisite fee. Please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on February 9, 2007. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.